

UCC Minutes February 2, 2023

Members present:

Kimberly Breitenbecher, Joe Cress, Richard Fox, Jeff Fox, Tracy Freeman, Kristin Hornsby, Hilary Landwehr, Nancy Lang, Kimberly Kattus, David Kime, Danielle McDonald, Jonathan McKenzie, Bethany Noblitt, Terry Pence, Nicole Perrone, Sarah Runge, Laura Sullivan, Crystal Summers, Hallie Sylvestro Richard van Dyke, Lindsey Walters, Andrea Watkins.

Members absent:

Bulent Erenay, Michael Guy, Tara McLendon, Jo Sanburg, Stephanie Songer, Andrea Sutherland, Danielle Todd, Jose Torres, Zach Wells, Chris Wilkey.

Liaisons and Visitors:

Rudy Garns (Integrated Studies)

Allen Cole (Registrar's Office), David Bond (Registrar's Office) David Cain (Registrar's Office) Kelsey Haskins (Admissions Office), Beth Vasquez (Registrar's Office) Akshatha Kolagi, (VPUAA), Ndoye Abdou (VPUAA)

1. Minutes from 1/19/23 corrected.
2. Chair report:
 - Fox will continue as chair for next year.
 - Its now too late to approve new programs for the fall catalog. All other changes for the fall catalog need to be approved by our March 23 meeting. Changes can still be made in SAP (like new courses or minor course changes) for the fall after March 23 but those changes won't appear in the catalog.
3. Curricular items:
 - See below, all items approved.
4. Old business: continued discussion of the Focus

New definition for the Focus:

“A focus consists of at least 12 credit hours of courses in the same designator that are numbered 300 or higher. A focus that contains courses with differing designators may be permissible if all courses are related to a single discipline/topic. Approval from the departments which house the courses is required in such cases. Students should seek approval in advance to ensure that the selected courses make up a legitimate multidisciplinary focus. Note: a multidisciplinary focus may also be available within some departments. See the department's catalog description for details of availability.”

Terry Pence has offered a slight variation on the above definition (after having removed the reference to multidisciplinary to use interdisciplinary instead):

“A focus consists of at least 12 credit hours of courses in the same designator that are numbered 300 or higher. An interdisciplinary focus may also be available from interdisciplinary programs within some departments. See the department’s catalog description for details of availability. A focus that contains courses with differing designators may also be permissible if all courses are related to a single discipline/topic. Approval from the departments which house the courses is required in such cases. Students should seek approval in advance to ensure that the selected courses make up a legitimate multidisciplinary focus.”

There is also a question of whether a dept can control the minimum grade required for a course to count toward a focus. Suggested that the definition be further amended with “(see Department Catalogue for Grade Requirement)”.

The following amended definition was submitted, seconded and approved.

“A focus consists of at least 12 credit hours of courses in the same designator that are numbered 300 or higher. An interdisciplinary focus may also be available from interdisciplinary programs within some departments. See the department/school’s catalog description for details of availability. A focus that contains courses with differing designators may also be permissible if all courses are related to a single discipline/topic. In such a case, approval is required from the department/school that will house the focus. When a focus consists of courses with differing designators, students should seek approval in advance. Minimum grade restrictions may apply, see the department’s entry in the catalog for more detail.”

The definition will be submitted to Faculty Senate at the end of February for review.

Faculty also requested that Allen Cole share the interdisciplinary programs already encoded in the SAP database. Allen agreed to share the list with Richard Fox, so that the UCC can review, these will be available for UCC to examine and share with their respective departments and programs.

5. New business: None

6. Adjournment

Curricular Proposals, All Approved Unanimously

Department of Accounting and Business Law - ACC – 200

Department of Accounting and Business Law - ACC – 201

Department of Teacher Preparation and Education Studies - EDS 452, EDS 453 title Change

Department of Teacher Preparation and Education Studies - Education, Culture and Society, B.A

Department of Biological Sciences - BIO - 311

Department of Biological Sciences - BIO - 311L

Department of Biological Sciences - BIO - 312

Department of Biological Sciences - BIO - 312L

Department of Biological Sciences - BIO - 342

Department of Biological Sciences - BIO - 374

Department of Biological Sciences - BIO - 380
Department of Biological Sciences - BIO - 441
Department of Biological Sciences - BIO - 441L
Department of Biological Sciences - BIO - 446
Department of Biological Sciences - BIO - 465
Department of Biological Sciences - BIO - 463
Department of Biological Sciences - BIO - 466
Department of Biological Sciences - BIO - 491
Department of Biological Sciences - ENV - 308
Department of English - English, B.A.
School of the Arts - Visual Arts - ART - 130
School of the Arts - Visual Arts - ART - 135
School of the Arts - Visual Arts - ART - 499
School of the Arts - Visual Arts - ARTH - 350
School of the Arts - Visual Arts - ARTH - 351
School of the Arts - Visual Arts - ARTH - 353
School of the Arts - Visual Arts - ARTH - 357
School of the Arts - Visual Arts - ARTH - 359
School of the Arts - Visual Arts - ARTH - 452
School of the Arts - Visual Arts - ARTS - 394
School of the Arts - Visual Arts - Art History Minor
School of the Arts - Visual Arts - Art and Design, B.A.
School of the Arts - Visual Arts - Art and Design, B.F.A.
School of the Arts - Visual Arts - Photography Minor
School of the Arts - Visual Arts - Ceramics/Sculpture Minor
School of the Arts - Visual Arts - Studio Arts Minor